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Amendment No. 4

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Forest Plan Chapter Two, Page 293	Statement in Fraser Experimental Forest Geographic Area Goals and Desired Condition as described below.

Description

This amendment is based on the environmental assessment (EA) conducted for the Fraser Experimental Forest (FEF) to Reduce Motorized Recreational Access on the FEF, and its associated Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact.

Specifically, the amendment would restrict all snowmobile use in the Fraser Experimental Forest and would **replace the existing statement** in the Forest Plan (Chapter Two, page 293) "Historic snowmobile use on the designated trails within the Fraser Experimental Forest will continue" **with the following statement:** "No snowmobiles or other winter motorized uses are allowed within the Fraser Experimental Forest except for administrative purposes only."

Reason for Amendment

The change to "No snowmobiles or other winter motorized uses are allowed within the Fraser Experimental Forest except for administrative purposes only" is necessary to protect existing and future research in the FEF by preventing air, and water quality effects from snowmobiles from affecting sensitive soil, air, water, and vegetative experiments.

This amendment will not result in a significant change to the Plan, as defined by 36 CFR 219.10(f).

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Record of Decision Arapaho National Recreation Area Forest Health Project